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(S) CDA shared President Obama's statement regarding the upcoming Afghan elections with MFA Second Permanent Secretary Bilahari Kausikan on June 22 and urged that Singapore issue a similar statement in support of the Afghan election process, confirming Singapore's impartiality with respect to the presidential candidates and Singapore's support for efforts to level the playing field for all candidates. Kausikan told CDA that Singapore shares the USG view that the Afghan elections should be fair, credible and inclusive. He indicated that Singapore will consider the USG request that Singapore issue a statement.

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